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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Bureau of Land Management
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit; **Guemes Channel Tidal Energy Project**, FERC No. 12698-000; ***Skagit County***, Washington
(ER 06/683)(Agency due date: ***September 25, 2006***)

CORRECTED: FERC ISSUED AN UPDATED NOTICE ON JULY 25, 2006 CORRECTING THE COUNTY AND EXTENDING THE COMMENT PERIOD.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has requested the Department to review the subject notice of application. The document was issued on July 3, 2006, and can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link.

Please have your appropriate field-level office review this notice from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise, and provide its comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland, Oregon by ***September 11, 2006***.

We are also invited to file any motions to intervene at this time. If your bureau wishes to intervene, please follow the instructions in Environmental Review Memorandum ERM 05-2. **INTERVENTIONS ARE DUE BY *September 25, 2006***.

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Portland, Oregon by ***September 18, 2006***.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the RD and the REO.

/s/7/26/06
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